

lengthening the life of the device while eliminating the need for expensive welding equipment such as ultrasonic welders or the use of adhesives such as epoxies or thermal bonding technology. Alternatively multiple filters could be locked sequentially into a well separated by the height of the mechanical interlock formed between each layer of filter as shown in Figure 11. These may have simple open spaces between the layers of filter or the spaces may be filled with chromatography media, absorptive materials and the like. - -

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please accept proposed new Figure 11.

Please accept the Petition to Accept Color Photographs under 37CFR 1.84(a)(2).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 as follows:

1). (Thrice Amended) A filtration device comprising at least one well, each well having an open top and a closed bottom having one or more holes which allow liquid to pass through, at least one piece of filter positioned within each well and against the bottom of each well and a mechanical interlock against a top of the filter, said well being formed of a plastic and said interlock being one or more skives.

Amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the inner wall is tapered inwardly as it progresses from the top of the well toward the bottom of the well and wherein the taper is from about 0 degrees toward a vertical center line of the well to about 20 degrees toward the vertical center line of the well.

Amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the inner wall is tapered inwardly as it progress from the top of the well toward the bottom of the well and wherein the taper is about 7 degrees toward a vertical center line of the well.